



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
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LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
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**Wednesday, July 31, 2013**

**10:00 AM**

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Present:            Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Anne S. Hill, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and Commissioner Susan Burton

Call to Order. (13-3602)

**Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.**

**Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Commissioners Grills and Burton joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. respectively.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Approval of the July 24, 2013 Minutes. (13-3600)

**On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby and unanimously carried, the minutes of July 24, 2013 were approved with the following corrections:**

**Page 3, item 8, last paragraph; ...Commissioner Andrews indicated that all the youth were new with the exception of one youth ~~new to the group home, and his~~ needed their Needs and Service Plan (NSP), needed to be updated. Additionally, the master set of keys ~~or a spare~~ were not on site, and there was marginal upper management staff support.**

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## **II. REPORTS**

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for July 31, 2013. (13-3603)  
**Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles:**

- **Los Angeles Times:**
  - **L.A. County intends to fire four in death of boy (July 31, 2013)**
  - **A big reform campaign in child welfare (July 30, 2013)**
  - **To limit child tragedies, give protectors more help (July 27, 2013)**
  - **The cost of cheap "justice" (July 29, 2013)**

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3. Treasurer's Report for July 31, 2013. (13-3604)  
**Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$625.96.**
4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports for July 31, 2013. (13-3605)  
**There was no staff report.**
5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on July 31, 2013. (13-3606)  
**In Compliance:**
  - **Commissioner Hill visited Bourne Inc., Page 2, #3, on July 22, 2013, and Page 2, #2, on July 26, 2013.****No one Home:**
  - **Commissioner Hill visited Bourne Inc, Page 2, #2 on July 19, 2013.**
6. Commissioner' Report on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from July 25, 2013 to July 30, 2013. (13-3607)  
**During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Orange County Children's Foundation, Page 30, #1, on July 30, 2013. They reported that the facility was in excellent condition**
- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited David & Margaret, Page 10, #3, on July 29, 2013**
- **Commissioner Bigby visited Five Acres, Page 17, #2, on July 30, 2013. She reported that the facility had very nice life books, bedroom #1 need new dresser drawers, the curtain in the living room needs to be fixed and the floor needs to be refinished**
- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Eggleston Youth Center, Page 15, #1, on July 25, 2013.**
- **Commissioners Grills and Burton visited Diamondale, Page 12, #3, on July 30, 2013. Although the facility was in a satisfactory condition, a corrective action form was issued for the following:**
  - **The facility needs to have an earthquake kit on site**
  - **The fire extinguisher needs to be serviced**
  - **The mattress in bedroom #1 needs to be replaced**
  - **Medications should be in separate bags or containers and labeled by client's name**
  - **The activity schedule needs to be posted**
  - **The shower plumbing problem in bedroom #3 needs to be fixed.**

**During the reporting period, the following Group Home/Lockup Facility were reported as being in unsatisfactory conditions. The unsatisfactory findings will be reported to the Board of Supervisors:**

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Children are Our Future, Page 7, #2, on July 29, 2013. The facility was found to be in total disrepair and the food supply was minimal, just enough for two (2) days instead of one week. The Commissioners believe that this may be an indication that the kids may not be properly fed. The Commissioners were also advised that the owner of the home is going through bankruptcy. A corrective action form was issued for the following:**

- The NSP's were not available for inspection (not on site)
- Keys were not on site
- The facility needs more supervision
- The frayed carpet on the floor of the kitchen entrance is a safety hazard and should be replaced
- The torn carpet in the garage also needs to be replaced
- The fax machine in the facility is not working and needs to be fixed
- The broken dresser and drawers in bedroom #1 needs to be replaced
- There are no light bulbs in bedroom #2
- The broken bathroom drawers in bedroom #3 needs to be replaced

Additionally, the violations that were cited following the inspection visit on January 4, 2013 remain uncorrected.

- Commissioners Grills and Burton visited Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) on July 18, 2013. The Commissioners spent extensive time in 2700 (Diabetic area) and 1701 (trustees area), and identified the following problems:
  - The modules were overcrowded with 3-tier bunk beds
  - There were molds in the ceilings
  - The inmates continue to receive inhumane treatments from "some" Sheriff staff including "daily" full body searches after the inmates complete their work assignments; inmates are required to touch their private parts and with the same hands touch their mouths for oral cavity search
  - The shifts interrupts the sleeping patterns of the inmates
  - The bed searches disrupt uninvolvement beds nearby as all the beddings are tossed upside down

- **There is lack of response to inmates' requests for medical and dental appointments for acute and chronic conditions**
- **There is lack of access to Parole Department which contributes to potential unnecessary detention**
- **The inmates have been asking for access to Title 15 information (which they are entitled to) but they have not been given access.**
- **The Commissioners will return to complete the inspection of the other areas in the facility.**

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters not Posted**

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-3608)

**The were no matters not posted.**

#### **Public Comment**

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-3609)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

#### **Adjournment**

9. Adjournment for the meeting of July 31, 2013. (13-3610)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of July 31, 2013 at 11:01 a.m.**